

# Adm. Raborn's Houston Kin Sure CIA Has Right Boss

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Although it came as a surprise, Vice-Admiral William F. Raborn Jr. was the logical man for President Johnson to choose as the new director of the nation's No. 1 spy corps.

His family believes so, anyhow.

Members of the family, naturally, admit to being biased.

But, they claim, he has all the qualifications a man needs to head the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

For one thing, they say, he can keep a secret — such as the fact that he was even being considered to replace the retiring John F. McCone as boss of the CIA.

Furthermore, they add, he's

likeable, intelligent and a top administrator.

Even his temper—which they say matches his red hair—will work to his advantage.

Adm. Raborn's sister, Mrs. W. F. Miller of 4317 DeMilo Dr., sums up the family's feeling:

"He will protect this country's security."

And from another

"President Johnson made a wise choice—he couldn't have picked a better man," said she.

Admiral's brother, B. M. Raborn, 110 Sandalwood, a branch manager for General Electric.

Mrs. Miller is a seventh grade teacher at Northwood Junior High School in the Northeast

Houston Independent School District, her husband is a securities dealer.

Adm. Raborn is a perfectionist, she said.

"He likes things done in order and done the way they should be done," she said. "He's a good administrator."

The Admiral's sister-in-law Mrs. Raborn, has known the director-designate since about 1920, when she and her husband were engaged.

"He's a mighty fine man," Mrs. Raborn said, "and smart as a whip. But, boy, does he have a temper."

Mrs. Miller concedes that Adm. Raborn's temper sometimes flares, but says that he also is understanding of subordinates.

"But," she says, "he's not going to put up with anyone goofing off."

Only once, she said, does she remember when Adm. Raborn's temper reached the boiling point. That was in an Oklahoma City restaurant when he sent back steak dinners—and led the party from the restaurant — because the steaks were of inferior quality.

Several members of the Raborn family, including the admiral's mother, Mrs. W. F. Raborn Sr. of San Antonio, plan an Easter reunion today. Mrs. Raborn arrived Friday and was met at Houston International Airport by two sons, B. M. Raborn of Houston and C. B. Raborn of New Orleans, who had driven here from his home.

The announcement by President Johnson that Adm. Raborn would be the next CIA director caught the whole family unprepared.

"It definitely was a surprise to me," said Mrs. Miller.

"It was quite a shock to us," said Mrs. Raborn.

